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H. F. No. 979

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to human services; establishing a task force to identify evidence-based
1.3 and evidence-informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse
1.4 childhood experiences.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD TRAUMA-INFORMED POLICY**
1.7 **AND PRACTICES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of human services shall establish
1.9 and appoint a task force on the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and
1.10 preventive and trauma-informed policy and practices consisting of the following members:

1.11 (1) the commissioners of human services, public safety, health, and education or the
1.12 commissioners' designees;

1.13 (2) two members representing law enforcement with expertise in juvenile justice;

1.14 (3) two members representing county social services agencies;

1.15 (4) four members representing racial and ethnic minority groups most impacted
1.16 by ACES in Minnesota;

1.17 (5) two members representing tribal social services providers;

1.18 (6) two members with expertise in prekindergarten through grade 12 education;

1.19 (7) three licensed health care professionals with expertise in the neurobiology of
1.20 childhood development representing public health, mental health, and primary health;

1.21 (8) one member representing family service or children's mental health collaboratives;

1.22 (9) two parents or caregivers from racial and ethnic minority groups most impacted
1.23 by ACES in Minnesota;

1.24 (10) two ombudspersons from the Minnesota Office of Ombudsperson for Families;

2.1 (11) the chief executive officer of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota; and
2.2 (12) representatives of any other group the commissioner of human services
2.3 considers appropriate to facilitate the goals and duties of the task force.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Staff.** The commissioner of human services shall provide meeting space,
2.5 support staff, and administrative services for the task force.

2.6 Subd. 3. **Duties.** The task force shall perform the following duties:

2.7 (1) engage human services, education, public health, juvenile justice, and the
2.8 criminal justice systems in the creation of trauma-informed policy and practices in each of
2.9 these systems to prevent adverse childhood experiences from occurring and support the
2.10 health and well-being of all families; and

2.11 (2) identify social determinants of health and well-being and recommend solutions
2.12 to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in the state.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Report.** The task force shall submit a report on the result of its study and
2.14 any policy recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.15 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health and human services, public safety,
2.16 judiciary, and education by January 15, 2016.

2.17 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** The task force expires upon submission of the report required
2.18 under subdivision 4.

2.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.